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Citations Issued For Operating Unlawful Games Of Chance

ATLANTA – Three businesses in Hartwell, Ga., and two in Lavonia, Ga., were issued citations by agents of the Georgia Department of Revenue Alcohol and Tobacco Division on Oct. 27 for operating unlawful games of chance.

The citations were issued as a result of undercover operations and raids conducted by state and local law enforcement agencies against video poker establishments in Hart and Franklin counties between Sept. 22-27.

Representatives of the establishments are to appear at a hearing at the DOR headquarters in Atlanta. At the hearing, the business representatives must show cause why their license for the sale, use, possession or distribution of beer and wine should not be suspended or revoked, or their bond forfeited, or both.

The cited businesses are:

- Savannah Street Market
 53 Savannah Street Extension Hartwell, Ga.
- Old Gin Convenience Store 135 N. Forest Avenue Hartwell, Ga.
- Dads II 5070 Whitwork Road Lavonia, Ga.
- New Deli Chinese Restaurant 3 934 Ross Place Lavonia, Ga.
- Yummy's
 238 E. Howell Street
 Hartwell, Ga.

"We intend to continue monitoring and take action against businesses where we believe amusement machines are being used in an illegal manner," said Chet Bryant, Director of DOR's Alcohol and Tobacco Division.

The DOR is responsible for ensuring that no illegal activities occur in establishments that have a state alcohol-beverage license.